DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

744 P Street, Sacramento, CA 95814



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ALL COUNTY INFORMATION NOTICE 1-13-90

TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS
ALL PUBLIC AND PRIVATE ADOPTION AGENCIES
ALL SDSS ADOPTIONS DISTRICT OFFICES

SUBJECT: ADOPTIONS MANAGEMENT APPOINTMENTS; CLARIFICATION REGARDING ADOPTIONS-RELATED INQUIRIES

The purpose of this notice is to announce the appointments of:

Mr. Zared Philips, Chief of the Recruitment and Community Services Bureau

Mr. Francisco Sanchez, Chief of the Adoptions Services Bureau

Additionally this notice provides clarification regarding requests for adoption-related information.

As stated in All-County Information Notice No. I-82-87, adoption agencies are no longer assigned an individual adoption consultant. Instead, policy consultants are available on a rotational basis to respond to telephone inquiries. It is hoped that affording direct contact between agencies and Department staff responsible for development and maintenance of adoptions program policy will provide a closer connection between policy making and the application of that policy. Requests that are complex or of a sensitive nature must be submitted in writing.

To assure the most rapid response when requesting information, please ensure that questions are directed to the appropriate bureau as outlined below:

O Questions regarding specific adoptions policy, such as the interpretation of regulations or issues regarding the Adoption Assistance Program, the Nonrecurring Adoption Expenses Reimbursement Program, or the Private Adoption Agency Reimbursement Program, should be addressed to:

Mr. Ritch Hemstreet, Chief Adoptions Policy Bureau 744 P Street, M.S. 19-67 Sacramento, CA 95814 Telephone: (916) 322-4228 or ATSS 492-4228 Requests for general adoption information such as how to adopt a child, brochures and addresses of specific adoption agencies, or the types of children available for adoption, including those in the Photolisting service and the California Waiting Children television program, should be addressed to:

Mr. Zared Philips, Chief Recruitment and Community Services Bureau 744 P Street, M.S. 19-68 Sacramento, CA 95814 Telephone: (916) 322-5973 or ATSS 492-5973

o Requests for background information, case record information or the status of forms being processed by the Branch should be directed to:

Mr. Francisco Sanchez, Chief Adoptions Services Bureau 744 P Street, M.S. 19-31 Sacramento, CA 95814 Telephone: (916) 322-3778 or ATSS 492-3778

Should you have any questions, please contact Mr. James Brown, Chief, Adoptions Branch at (916) 445-3146 or ATSS 485-3146.

LOREN D. SUTER
Deputy Director

cc: CWDA